

## Message Text

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FM AMCONSUL MILAN  
TO AMEMBASSY ROME  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L MILAN 0753

EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, IT  
SUBJECT: CARABINIERI GENERAL EDOARDO PALOMBI TRANSFERRED TO ROME

1. DURING MEETING ON MILAN SECURITY SITUATION TODAY, PALOMBI SAID THAT HE WAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO ROME AS DEPUTY COMMANDANT OF THE CARABINIERI. HE EXPECTS TO REPORT FOR DUTY IN MID JUNE. HIS SUCCESSOR WILL BE GENERAL ITALO GIOVANNITTI NOW IN ROME.

2. ACCORDING TO PALOMBI, COMMANDER IS NEVER CARABINIERI OFFICER BUT HIS DEPUTY IS. THIS WILL MAKE PALOMBI HIGHEST RANKING CAREER CARABINIERI IN ITALY. HE SAYS APPOINTMENT IS SIMPLY ROUTINE PROMOTION OF SENIOR GENERAL. AFTER TWO YEARS HE EXPECTS TO RETIRE AFTER 42 YEARS OF SERVICE. WHILE HE MAY BE DOWNPLAYING HIS NEXT ASSIGNMENT, PALOMBI ACTS MUCH LESS THAN PLEASED AT NEW JOB AND IMPLIES THAT HE EXPECTS NOT TO GET ALONG WITH COMMANDANT. HE IS PROBABLY INFLUENCED BY REALIZATION THAT HE WILL BE LEAVING MAJOR COMMAND WHERE HE IS ALMOST ABSOLUTE BOSS TO WORK DIRECTLY UNDER SUPERIOR WHO HAS POWER TO MAKE ALL THE IMPORTANT DECISIONS.

3. AS WE HAVE REPORTED EARLIER (SEE MILAN '76 MILAN 645, '77 MILAN 64)  
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PALOMBI IS VERY IMPRESSIVE, OUTSPOKEN, TOUGH, OLD SOLDIER TYPE WHO APPEARS TOTALLY COMMITTED TO CAREER SERVICE AND LOYAL TO PRESENT DEMOCRATIC REGIME ALTHOUGH MODERATE CONSERVATIVE IN HIS POLITICS. HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN FRIENDLY AND COOPERATIVE IF VERY PRUDENT ABOUT CONTACTS THAT MIGHT IMPLY A POLITICAL RATHER THAN TECHNICAL RELATIONSHIP WITH US. A PIEDMONTESE, HE IS MARRIED, AND DRINKS SCOTCH. SUGGEST EMBASSY

PICK UP CONTACT WHEN HE REACHED ROME. MINISTER ALREADY KNOWS PALOMBI.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY BIO DATA DEPT. OR EMBASSY  
MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ABOUT HIS SUCCESSOR, GENERAL  
GIOVETTI.FINA

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